



Newsletter August 2020

**We Are
Officially Open for
11 AM Church Service!**

Message From Pastor Will

***“Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you.”
Isaiah 60:1.***

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Your calling to serve God is needed now more than ever. In our current climate of hatred, division, fear, uncertainty, and fatigue, we as Christians must raise to our full potential. To allow God to work through us so we can be the servant of God's will. Don't ever feel as though you are unable to serve *“For the LORD does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.”* 1 Samuel 16:7.

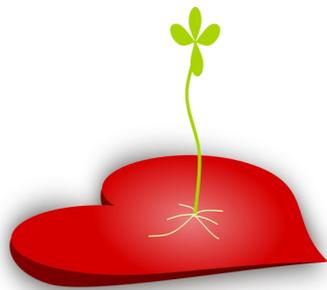
These scriptures speak about the vision of Gods' true Church. A Church that is open to all regardless of culture, nationality or even religion. Jew or Gentile can come into the kingdom because Christ has risen. We should seek to reacquaint Christians with the greater purpose God has for their lives beyond their daily tasks. Our vision is to reach out to all people and offer the liberating power of freedom in Jesus Christ. We are not here to judge or set limits on who we will accept or assist. We are all God's children searching for a relationship with our creator.

Disciples of Christ believes we all are precious seeds of spirit, planted by God in human vessels, designed to grow and produce fruit through our lives for the glory of God. We must seek to help nurture that seed through acknowledgment of individuals' unique calling and purpose. Isaiah asks us to *“Arise, shine,”* just as our seed within must arise from our worldly identity and shine through our new identity as a divine design of God. Christ, our light has come and His glory has risen, we are simply asked to believe.

We as a Church are dedicated to meeting the needs of our community through the love and support of Jesus Christ, our members, and the community. There are many ways in which this can be accomplished. Whether it by providing needy families and individuals with goods and services, to providing free children's books and learning materials to families, or simply by being the Church we say we are. Our main focus should be to provide goods and services to persons who are aged, ill, handicapped, unemployed, or otherwise distressed, children, the poor, indigent, and underprivileged. We will always refuse to discriminate against anyone who asks for help. We as a Church family can do all things through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Park View is in full swing in developing programs to assist our community, through our Food Pantry, children's book collection, Back to School drive, and Holiday food baskets. There is much YOU can do! Volunteer, provide donations, ask your friends and neighbors to participate in these drives. It matters not the significance of what you do in service, but that you serve in the name of Jesus Christ.

Over the next following weeks, Park View hopes to grow considerably in sophistication of our operations as well as in the number of people we are able to serve. As community and spiritual needs continue to increase, we hope to reach a maximum operating capacity by making a commitment to take the steps necessary to enable us to increase our physical space and presence in the community. Follow your calling, join the cause, and share the gospel of Jesus Christ! We would love to hear any thoughts or ideas as to ways we can better serve our community. Please share with us your calling!



***“In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”
And when he had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all.” Acts 20:35-38.***

Love in Christ, Pastor Will

A Message from National: Unwavering Faith

by Rev. Dr. Timothy James, associate general minister and administrative secretary of the National Convocation

“If any of you is lacking in wisdom ask God, who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly, and it will be given you. But ask in faith never doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind.” James 1: 5-6

It is because of our ignorance that we need to go to God in prayer and ask for wisdom. Living in these times of uncertainty and crisis, we do not know what to do, what to say or how to say what is needed. We need wisdom, that God will give us if we ask. With everything going on all around us we must be about resisting temptation and enduring trials, because it is a requirement of our faith. Praise God, our faith grows and matures when we resist temptation and endure trials that come our way. James wants us to know that our faith is a spiritual gift but for our practical and daily living. Faith without work, service, trust, duty and loyalty is dead.

Prayer is the exercise of our soul that gives us wisdom and power from the Lord. Prayer is the marvelous privilege of every child of God, to get to know God and grow closer and closer to God in relation-

ship. You have heard it said, “Prayer is the key to the Kingdom and faith unlocks the door.” What stands out here for me is “faith unlocks the door.” James reminds us that what we need from God, whatever we ask for, ask in faith and do not doubt. Have the faith to believe that our God hears and answers prayer. God really wants to give us what we need and the wisdom that we lack. These tough times that we are passing through are allowed by God, in order to refine us and informs our greater dependency on God.



The lack of faith in the goodness and the promises of God is regarded as sin. So, let us never deny the grace, mercy and power of God. Let us by wisdom from God, put our faith to work daily each-and-every-day From the rising of the sun, till the going down of the same, God is worthy of praise, God is also able to supply your every need. Stand on an unwavering faith and you will come to know for yourself that

God can, and God will. We serve an awesome and all-powerful God who can do anything but fail. Nothing is too hard for our God. If God be for us, He is more than the world, the pandemic, racism, poverty, sickness, or any situation against us.

Let us pray? Dear God, our living and loving Heavenly Father, You, are good and You are kind. We thank you for how you have kept us thus far through this pandemic crisis. We pray your eternal grace upon those 136,000 people who have died by this indiscriminate virus. We pray Your comfort and grace with their families and loved ones. We pray for patients around the world suffering many illnesses. We pray for the nurses, doctors, emergency medical technicians, police, firemen and care givers serving, protecting and caring for the sick. We remember those who have been financially challenged at this time. Oh, Great Provider, Thy will be done, to meet needs and make ways and open doors of opportunity. Lord, we pray for peace and calm in our homes and communities. We pray with specificity and confidence as Terri Owens, our General Minister encourages us, with unwavering faith in Jesus' name.

Amen.

(found at <https://disciples.org/>)

“Be The Church We Say We Are!”

Often we Disciples tend to describe ourselves in the negative, by what we are not: we're not hierarchical, we don't baptize infants, we don't require acceptance of any formal creed for membership in the church and so on. The following is an effort, in positive statements, to focus on who we are and on ways to convey that to those inside and outside our church.

Our Identity Statement

We are Disciples of Christ, a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world. As part of the one body of Christ we welcome all to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us.

What Does That Mean?

- We practice unity and inclusion at the Lord's Table for the sake of mission and for the sake of the world as the one family of God. Most congregations do this by celebrating communion every Sunday. That's why we use a chalice as our logo.
- We practice believer baptism – that a person makes the choice to follow God's call rather than the choice being made for them as an infant. Baptism is the basis of membership in the Church and also a mark that every person is called to serve God – the idea of the “priesthood of all believers.”
- We honor our heritage as a movement for Christian unity by cooperating and partnering with other faith communities to work for bringing about wholeness – healing and justice – in the world. This is what it means to be “ecumenical.” One example is our cooperative work with the United Church of Christ in Global Ministries for the past 25 years and our newer effort to share staff in the area of family ministries.
- We are called to study and read scripture for ourselves. Rather than having tests of faith and creedal statements, we critically and thoughtfully study scripture, taking into account the history and background – the context – in which it was written.
- We also honor the heritage of Christian unity by staying together in covenant as a witness to the world that even when we disagree we can still make room, welcoming all to the table as Christ has welcomed us. Our spiritual ancestors were fond of saying, “unity, not uniformity.”
- We move to answer God's call for justice particularly in the areas of care for the earth, the challenges for women and children, poverty and hunger and immigration. We seek to do this work in cooperation with other people of faith. Some say we “get dirty for Jesus” as a way of conveying the hands-on mission orientation of many of our faith communities.

These traits were summed up by former General Minister and President Dick Hamm when he identified the marks of a faithful church as true community, deep Christian spirituality and a passion for justice.

**We're a movement whose
time has come!**

-expert taken from <https://www.disciples.org/>

DMF DAY AUGUST 6th (Anniversary of Cane Ridge - One of the Historical Beginnings of Disciples)

More than 20,000 people. Fiery sermons by Barton Stone. Two **weeks** of worship.

On Aug. 6, 1801, the Holy Spirit swept through the Cane Ridge revival and sparked a movement that birthed the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Now, more than 200 years later, the Spirit's still at work. On the anniversary of the Cane Ridge revival, we are celebrating DMF Day – a **giving day to support Disciples Mission Fund**, which helps fund over 70 ministries of the Christian Church.

The American frontier of the early 19th century was brimming with religious fervor. While the human spirit was being awakened in the cities of the United States, there was a special intensity to the revivals of the frontier.

Included in these revivals were churches that now comprise the Stone-Campbell heritage. The name comes from the primary founders of this branch of Christianity. In Kentucky, Barton Warren Stone (1772-1844) was a Presbyterian minister who, along with others, called for a return to simple New Testament Christianity. In fact, Stone believed that followers of Christ should go by no other name than “Christian.” In Pennsylvania and what is now West Virginia, father and son Thomas Campbell (1763-1854) and Alexander Campbell (1788-1866) championed the idea of “one Church of Christ upon earth.” They, too, believed that followers of Christ should not be identified by sectarian names and asked that only “Disciples” be used.

When the Stone and Campbell camps eventually came together, both “Christian” and “Disciples of Christ” were retained as designators.

Stone-Campbell churches fall into the category of Protestant free-church. That is, individual congregations are seen as the pinnacle of church expression, are independent/autonomous organizations, and advocate the separation of church and state.

The Stone-Campbell churches are characterized by a focus on New Testament teaching, shared governance between clergy and laity, baptism by immersion, ecumenism, and the regular celebration of communion during worship.

There was never a monolithic structure for these churches. In North America today, Stone-Campbell churches are found mainly in three groups (or “streams”): **Churches of Christ**, **Christian Churches/Churches of Christ**, and the **Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)**. The latter has especially been involved in **Christian ecumenism** since the beginning of the 20th century.

The three streams are connected through an organization known as the **World Convention**. Globally, congregations descending from this tradition can be found in over 100 countries.

-expert taken from <https://www.discipleshistory.org/>

What does the Bible say about feeding the hungry?

The teachings of the Bible say we are to care for the poor, underserved and most vulnerable among us. This includes feeding the hungry. We at Park View are committed to meeting the needs of our community through our Food Pantry. Once a small closet filled with a small amount of food, is now a full on operation which has expanded into two rooms, the kitchen and social hall. We have even outgrown our refrigeration! At first, there was much apprehension concerning how to meet the needs of our community through a small closet of nonperishable foods. But then, teachings from Jesus assured us that all would be successful through Christ our Lord if only we believe.

In the Bible, God is pictured feeding the hungry on multiple occasions. "He has filled the hungry with good things," Mary rejoices in Luke 1:53. "He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry," the psalmist sings in Psalm 146:7. God told the people to "Spend yourselves on behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed" in Isaiah 58:10. John the Baptist said "Anyone who has two shirts should share with the one who has none, and anyone who has food should do the same" in Luke 3:11. In fact, the early foundation of the church was to distribute food every day to needy widows. Acts 6:1.

"Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world." James 1:27. Further it was directly stated to act on the needs of our community. "Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,' but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it?" James 2:15-16.

Throughout the teachings, we have a constant opportunity to feed the hungry in our needy world. (See Mark 14:7). Therefore, we are committed to doing what we can to relieve the suffering of others.

This sentiment is even more confirmed by the fact that the only miracle repeated in all four Gospels is the feeding of the 5,000—an example of Jesus feeding the hungry, Jesus teaches of salvation the day after He performed the miracle. The people had been hungry, so He had fed them. However, Jesus teaches that humanity's greater need is for spiritual food, not just the actual act of feeding the starved. He explains in John 27, "Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you." The crowd then asked Him, "What must we do to do the works God requires?" (John 28). Jesus responded by focusing on faith: "The work of

God is this: to believe in the one he has sent" (John 29). Jesus then declared Himself to be the Bread of Life. (John 35) and stating that physical food will only satisfy temporarily, but salvation through Him is forever. Not only does are faith direct us to care for the physical feeding of our community, but also spiritually. We can do all things through Christ our Lord. So, the question remains, should we feed the hungry? Yes, "as it is written, 'He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever'" (2 Corinthians 9:9; cf. Psalm 112:9). Jesus said that it is more blessed to give than to receive (Acts 20:35). We should give people what they need, and as we meet the physical needs we must not ignore the spiritual need for the gospel. "Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God." (Matthew 4:4; Deuteronomy 8:3).



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Believe That Miracles Do Happen!

Yes, we all believe in miracles, but did you know that some have recently occurred, and your church family have witnessed this happening. It all began right after Easter. The Pandemic was raging, the country was in a "Stay At Home" situation and our church was closed for in house worship services- But God was in the midst of all this and an idea was "given birth."

The idea was- "Let's try a Drive-Thru Food Pantry in our parking lot." We had some canned, nonperishable food in our hall closet, and it was just sitting there. Thoughts started to flow and discussion of how we could possibly do this- we had never done this before. How could we be safe and keep the guests safe and still distribute some food? Many were praying and we knew the need was out there. People had lost their jobs, their income and possibly their home.

How could Park View Christian Church help? It was decided to set this up and use all the CDC guidelines and safety measures

(no touch). It was also decided we would give out the food we had until the closet was empty. So, on April 27, the First Drive- Thru Food Pantry was held from 11 am-1 pm. Seven families were given a week's worth of groceries.



The very next week, we counted our cash and found out we were \$52 in the hole. That morning a lady (unnamed), pulled into the church parking lot and gave \$50 to be used for food. Yes, a miracle happened and was witnessed by a number of people. So, more food supplies were purchased. For 14 weeks, this effort has continued. We have actually seen the Face of Jesus in people who have spontaneously stopped, given food, given dollars,

even given kid's books, and used clothing. God's Hand has been on all of this each week!

How else can we explain how our small church could provide groceries for 15-20 families per week! Last week on July 22- we were blessed by a lady in our community, Jean, who brought perishable meats and breads in her car to give out. Again, we witnessed a miracle. The food supply has continued to multiply through the sponsors we have, our community donors that we don't even know, and through many of you. On July 22, we were able to give 31 families groceries for a week. Miracles do happen and the multitudes were fed!

Thanks be to God for all His blessings, His protection and His merciful grace.

Many thanks to our PVCC Outreach Team, Carolyn Jones, Chip Artz, Charlie Arnold, Bruce Parker, Mike Tefft, Gina Artz and Katie Jones.

"What can we learn from Jesus' feeding of the 5,000?"

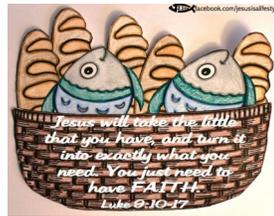
The story of Jesus feeding the 5,000 is recorded in all four Gospels. Obviously, to the Gospel writers, this was a significant miracle to many. What is even more astonishing was that the Greek term used in Matthew 14:21 specified only males. Matthew would emphasize the point by adding, "Besides women and children." Many Bible scholars believe the actual number fed that day could have been 15,000—20,000 people.

When Jesus fed the masses, He only began with "five barley loaves and two fish." John 6:9. Initially, Jesus' disciples wanted to send the people away. Evening was approaching, they were in a remote place, and there was no food to feed the masses. (Matthew 14:15). They knew the people would likely go hungry. (Mark 6:36). But Jesus responded, "You give them something to eat." (Matthew 14:16). Questioning the ability to feed the masses, Andrew asked, "What are [five loaves and two fish] for so many?" (John 6:9). Philip further exclaimed, "It would take more than half a year's wages to buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!" (John 7).

Jesus called for the bread and fish to be brought to Him. (Matthew 14:18). He gave thanks for the meal, broke the bread, and gave it to His disciples to give to the crowd. Amazingly, the entire multitude was fed with that small meal. Jesus provided "as much as they wanted" (John 6:11), and "they all ate and were satisfied" (Matthew 14:20). Christ did not just meet the need; He lavished them with so much food that there were

"twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish" left over. (Mark 6:43).

God has shown to his followers what they can do if they would learn to bring Him what they have already been given. "Little is much when God is in it." When Christians willing offer their lives sacrificially they relinquish their hold on whatever God has given them in terms of time, money, talents, etc. God will use these ordinary things to create extraordinary things.



We must never believe our resources are too little to serve God. God delights in taking a humble, seemingly insignificant person and using them for His glory (1 Corinthians 1:27). Never believe that you are unworthy of such as task, for you matter and can make a difference in someone's life.

Jesus bypassed all human effort and did the impossible. It's "'not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,' says the LORD Almighty." (Zechariah 4:6).

Notably, Jesus fed the people *through the agency of His disciples*. He could have simply provided the meal to the people. Instead, He "gave...to his disciples to distribute to the people." (Mark 6:41). In this way, the disci-

ples had to trust the Lord for everything they distributed. They could only give as they received. Philip, Andrew, and the rest were totally dependence upon the Lord to provide. God uses people the same way today.

We should also be reminded that our problems are never too large (the "many" of John 6:9) for God to handle. Surely, Andrew was wondering, "What good are we going to do with only five loaves and two fish?" Of course, we know God can easily multiply whatever He wants, to feed as many people as He wants—He is God after all. The problem comes when we are faced with a doubt that God will want us to meet a need. We question our purpose and may feel unworthy of a task. But we must believe that is exactly what we are suppose to do. When God plants a seed in your heart, a plan in your head, and a vision in your mind, we should follow through and believe that our service to the masses will be answered because God provides. He wants you to serve and to believe in the abundance He will provide.

We must bring our "lives to God in a spirit of obedience and sacrifice, no matter how insignificant they may think [our] gifts or talents are (Romans 12:1). By doing so, expect God to do far beyond what can be imagined (Ephesians 3:20).

Love in Christ,

Katie Jones, Secretary & experts found at www.gotquestions.org

If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one. ~ Mother Teresa

During the Great Depression of 1929, soup kitchens in America began to take shape. At the time, millions of Americans were unemployed and the United States faced an unprecedented economic crisis many feared would not end. For roughly 10 years, the Great Depression caused unemployment rates to skyrocket to approximately 25% and forced millions of American into poverty and widened the gap of food insecurity in our nation. Churches and private organizations rose to the challenge to help combat food insecurity, hunger, and an overwhelming need to ensure the safety and health of the American people. Almost 100 years later, America and the world are facing a similar crisis.

Matthew 25:35, "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me." A multitude of churches accepted their assignment from God during the Great Depression.

They saw a dire need to feed the masses and answered the calling to help the people of God.

In the book of Mathew, Jesus feeds the 5,000. He took 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish, and he multiplied them to feed the masses. The disciples and the people gathered there that day had faith that a miracle was going to happen, that by God's will, thine will be done and on that day, the masses were fed.

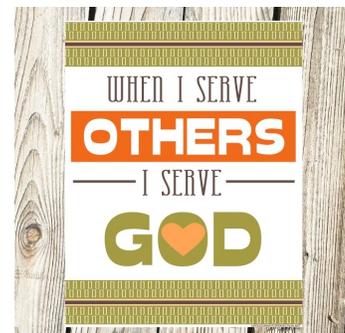
As we experience another unprecedented time in our history, as fears and anxiety may creep it's way into our thoughts and actions, as we may feel as though we want to retreat and recoil into our own self-isolation, I implore you to ask, "What is my assignment, Lord?" "How can I serve?"

Love in Christ,

Kelly Collins, Membership Chair

"The test of our progress is not whether we add more to the abundance of those who have much; it is whether we provide enough for those who have too little."

-Franklin Roosevelt



**Living Endowment Fund Income
Expenditure Suggestions**

A reminder that written submission regarding the living endowment fund of \$5,800 is due by August 9, 2020. Please write your recommendation as indicated below and return your recommendations to one of members of the Living Endowment Committee: Andy Artz, Judy Harman, Jeremy Russell, Sandra Rhoads, or Jeffrey Massey. The committee will evaluate the suggestions and submit a plan for use of the income to the Official Board at the Official Board meeting for their approval followed by disbursement by the treasurer.

Amount: _____
Purpose: _____
Name: _____

If you are unable to submit a written recommendation, please contact Katie Jones at (757) 484-1776 during office hours or send an email to parkviewccdoc@verizon.net with your recommendations. Together we can build a better future for our Church.

**Number of Families served
through our Food Pantry**

April 28, 2020: Served 6 families
May 5, 2020: Served 15 families
May 12, 2020: Served 15 families
May 19, 2020: Served 10 families
June 2, 2020: Served 21 families
June 9, 2020: Served 16 families
June 16, 2020: Served 14 families
June 23, 2020: Served 19 families
July 1, 2020: Served 21 families
July 8, 2020: Served 14 families
July 15, 2020: Served 20 families
July 22, 2020: Served 31 families
July 29, 2020: Served 21 families

We are beyond blessed to be able to serve families in our community! Each family receives a week's worth of food, and most recently, each food package was able to have a meat product, fresh produce, and even dessert! With kind donations of children's books, we are also able to give books and kid's goodie bags! See below for pictures!

Our first virtual food drive raised over \$220.00! What a wonderful blessing that will be put to great use!

**Virtual Townhall
August 17, 2020**

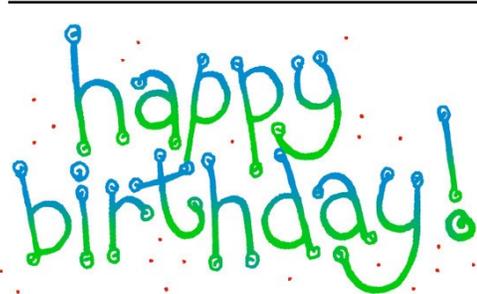
We are pleased to have held our very first townhall meeting on July 20, 2020 at 7:30 pm. It was wonderful to be able to discuss what's on your heart and mind. Please consider joining us for our 2nd virtual townhall meeting.

**Virtual Town Hall
with Pastor Will
Let's talk about what's
on your heart in today's climate**

**August 17, 2020 at 7:30 pm
via Zoom!**

To attend follow these steps:

- 1. Visit <https://zoom.us/>**
- 2. Choose Join A Meeting Option**
- 3. Input Meeting ID: 376-396-7150**



We would like to wish the happiest of birthdays to all of our August birthdays! This month is extra special for the Collins' Family!

Please join us in wishing the wonderful Rev. Dr. William Collins, Jr. a **85th** birthday! We wish you many more years of great health! You are truly a blessing to our Church!

Please also join us in wishing a happy birthday to our Pastor Will Collins! We hope you enjoy your special day and may God bless you with many more years of great health and wisdom! We appreciate all you do for us and we are beyond grateful for your service.



Vacation Bible School Reimagined

So many things have had to change or cancel due to this pandemic of COVID19.

We have had to learn how to utilize ZOOM for online meetings and Bible Study. We have had to watch our worship services on the computer or on our phones until we could go back into the sanctuary. We have learned ways to stay connected even in these difficult times.

So here we go – We are going to offer Vacation Bible School online during the week of **August 17-21, 2020.**

Our Theme will be “Surf Shack- Catch the Wave of God’s Amazing Love”.

We will need volunteers to help put this together so we can have Bible stories, music, craft time and maybe even a science discovery time. Also, we hope to have some packets of ac-

tivity pages and crafts ready to give out to all our families with kids!

It will be different, but hopefully meaningful and some fun for the kids as well as adults.

Please let me know if you are willing to volunteer to help in any way for this special event.

Stay safe and strong,

Gina Artz, Christian Education Dept.



Back to School Drive from August 2, 2020 to August 31,

The time is now. The need is great. As our community experiences these unprecedented times, our children are faced with a greater challenge regarding their education. The uncertainty surrounding what their school year will look like, children will have to endure a different type of learning that they have not experienced before. What will their school day look like? How will they learn? As parents, caregivers and loved ones grapple with how to adequately educate the children in our community, we can help ease the burden by providing the children with the necessary tools and supplies for their school environment, whether in the classroom or at home. The ability to provide the children of our community with the basic supplies to help ensure academic success will not only provide them with the tools they need, but it will provide them with hope, comfort, and a strong statement telling them, "You are not alone!" "We are with you and we are here to help."

Our back to school drive will begin on August 2nd and we will continue to collect school supplies the ENTIRE month of August. Any and all school supplies are appreciated!

Your generous donations will help educate our children! Through the education of our children, we can help end the cycle of poverty in the future. Please join us in our endeavor to promote the academic and overall success of our future.

Love in Christ, Kelly Collins, Membership Chair

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." Nelson Mandela



Supplies requested:

- Pencils/Pens
- Work Activity Books (all ages)
- Crayons/Color Pencils/Markers
- Glue Sticks
- Notebooks/Composition Notebooks
- Scissors
- Binders
- Rulers
- Paint/Paint Brushes
- Stickers
- Index Cards
- Pencil Boxes/Storage Containers
- Chalk
- Construction Paper
- Anything that you think a child would love to use to learn

Dear Park View family and friends,

It is so hard to believe that we are now entering (depending on how you count) the 6th month of this terrible Covid 19 pandemic. We feel very blessed that we have been able to hold very guarded our 11:00 am Sunday Church services for the past 6 weeks.

Knowing that cases are rising in Hampton Roads, I wanted to assure you if you have attended or have been planning to do so, that we have been and continue to be in complete compliance with CDC and Governor Northam's orders. Our church is completely cleaned and prepared for No-Touch Sundays every week. Face mask are always worn and when the Pastor and the Worship Team comes of the stage they also put theirs on. Nothing is fool proof but we want to assure everyone we go the extra mile in cleaning and in preparation for worship. We hope and pray this pandemic is under control soon but in any and all cases, remember your church and your Heavenly Father is just a call away.

Love in Christ,
Chip Artz, Department Chair



Family News & Prayer Requests

Let us pray

Dear God, we pray:

Ed Sparrow needs prayers for ongoing cancer treatments.

Mitchell Daniels suffers from frequent lung infections because of cystic fibrosis.

Warren Brennan is receiving treatment for his knee pain.

Leo Ruffing has COPD and Parkinson's disease. Prayers are needed for protection and great health.

Peter Austin, son of Ken & Joan Austin, has Huntington's Disease.

Allen Powell, has completed adjunct Chemotherapy, and is doing well.

Janice Cubberly is suffering from pain in her right arm/hand. Prayers are needed.

Betty Lou Cummings, is recovering well from dental surgery.

Sonny, Shirley Byrd's brother, is battling cancer at home and is receiving dialysis treatments and is in need of prayers.

Paula Sparrow needs prayers for a serious pulmonary disease.

Lindsay Abess and family, would appreciate your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

1. For the sick and infected: God, heal and help. Sustain bodies and spirits. Contain the spread of infection.

2. For our vulnerable populations: God, protect our elderly and those suffering from chronic disease. Provide for the poor, especially the uninsured.

3. For the young and the strong: God, give them the necessary caution to keep them from unwittingly spreading this disease. Inspire them to help.

4. For our local, state, and federal governments: God, help our elected officials as they allocate the necessary resources for combatting this pandemic. Help them to provide more tests.

5. For our scientific community, leading the charge to understand the disease and communicate its gravity: God, give them knowledge, wisdom, and a persuasive voice.

6. For the media, committed to providing up-to-date information: God, help them to communicate with appropriate seriousness without causing panic.

7. For consumers of media, looking to be well-informed: God, help us find the most helpful local information to equip us to be good neighbors. Keep us from anxiety and panic, and enable us to implement the recommended strategies, even at a cost to ourselves.

8. For those with mental health

challenges who feel isolated, anxious, and helpless: God, provide them every necessary support.

9. For the homeless, unable to practice the protocols of social distancing in the shelter system: Protect them from disease and provide isolation shelters in every city.

10. For international travelers stuck in foreign countries: God, help them return home safely and quickly.

11. For Christian missionaries throughout the world, especially in areas with high rates of infection: God, provide them with words of hope, and equip them to love and serve those around them.

12. For workers in a variety of industries facing layoffs and financial hardship: God, keep them from panic, and inspire your church to generously support them.

13. For families with young children at home for the foreseeable future: God, help mothers and fathers to partner together creatively for the care and flourishing of their children. For single mothers and fathers, grow their networks of support.

14. For parents who cannot stay home from work but must find care for their children: God, present them with creative solutions.

In God's name we pray, Amen.

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Father,

In the yearly hour You call me. I seek Your guidance for this day as the world sleeps. I am humbled in your presence Father. Thank You for the many blessings and prayers You answer. Make me mindful of the less fortunate and burdened. My soul is one with You, it is Your will I seek. Whatever this day brings help me to live in such a way that will Glorify Your name. I pray in the name of Jesus Christ my Lord.

Amen

“Be still and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.” Psalm 46:10



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Revised Common Lectionary Readings for August

2: Genesis 32:22-31, Psalm 17:1-7, 15, Romans 9:1-5, Matthew 14:13-21

9: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28, Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b, Romans 10:5-15, Matthew 14:22-23

16: Genesis 45:1-5, Psalm 133, Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32, Matthew 15: 10-20, 21-28

23: Exodus 1:8-2:10, Psalm 123, Romans 12:1-6, Matthew 16:13-20

30: Exodus 3:1-15, Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b, Romans 12:9-21, Matthew 16:21-28

What's Happening



This summer we hope the CWF will sponsor a **Community Yardsale**. It will be inside and outside and tables will be available for individuals to sell their own items. The date will be announced later but will hopefully soon.

Please stay tuned for more information!!



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30: Judy Harman Carolyn Jones

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2: Bruce Parker
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12: William Collins, Jr.
16: Ian Williams
23: Eva Neufeld
24: Pastor Will Collins, III

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